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SUBJECT: UN INTERIM FORCE IN THE LEBANON (UNIFIL):
PERFORMANCE AND RENEWAL--LEBANESE LETTER

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1. WE AGREE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON RENEWAL
OF UNIFIL SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE HELD EARLY NEXT WEEK.
WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH
WALDHEIM'S STAFF ON SYG'S REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL
ON UNIFIL WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

2. PER RECOMMENDATION PARA 6 REFTTEL, USUN IS AUTHORIZED TO URGE URQUHART TO TELL THE LEBANESE THAT REDEFINITION OF THE MANDATE IS UNNECESSARY AND WOULD NOT IMPROVE UNIFIL'S ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTIONS 425 AND 426, INCLUDING THE RESTORATION OF GOL SOVEREIGNTY IN THE SOUTH.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD RENEWAL AND CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN UNIFIL. WE WOULD LIKE USUN TO HAVE A TALK WITH FRENCH PERMREP IN ORDER TO DRAW HIM OUT ON FRENCH INTENTIONS. WE WOULD HOPE TO AVOID DEBATE OVER LENGTH OF MANDATE

RENEWAL, AND SEE ANYTHING SHORTER THAN SIX MONTHS AS IMPRACTICAL. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE TO IRON OUT WITH THE FRENCH PROBLEMS, IF THERE ARE ANY, DURING WESTERN FIVE PRE-UNGA BILATERAL SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 14 IN NEW YORK. CHRISTOPHER

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